

## Revenue and Dues Increase at the State Bar

PHOENIX—At its June 15 meeting, the Board of Governors approved a plan that increases revenue approximately 5 percent each year from 2002 to 2005. The Arizona Supreme Court must approve the plan.

The Board is recommending a \$20 annual increase in membership dues in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The dues increase applies to all categories of State Bar membership.

Income from membership dues accounts for approximately 55 percent of the State Bar's budget revenue. The remaining 45 percent of the revenue comes from non-dues income generated through the sale of services, products and advertising.

The Board's budget plan calls for no additional State Bar programs and no additional staff positions.

## from the board — STATE BAR BOARD OF GOVERNORS May Meeting Review

**Below are highlights from the May 18, 2001, State Bar Board of Governors meeting. Meetings are held monthly at the Arizona Bar Center in Phoenix.**

- ▶ President Kirk Karman reported that he met with the Graham-Greenlee County Bar Association in Safford and will wrap up his visits with members from throughout the state with a visit to Kingman.
- ▶ Executive Director Cynthia Zwick reported that 50 of the 500 Convention registrations received to date were processed online. She also reported that Matthew Silverman, Director of Communications, and Ron Johnson, Government Relations Director, have been invited to participate on panels at the National Conference of Bar Presidents at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago in August.
- ▶ Pam Treadwell-Rubin reported that she and other Pima County Bar members participated in Free Legal Advice Day, which focused on family law issues. This Tucson event mirrors one held recently in Phoenix. She thanked the Bar's Communications Department for coordinating this program and urged that it be expanded for next year, offering additional days and covering other areas of the law.
- ▶ The Board voted to defer action on entering into an endorsement agreement with Health Agencies of the West, Inc. (HAW) to broker a health insurance member benefit underwritten by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Arizona until it receives information of HAW's compliance or noncompliance with the release agreement regarding the previous Bar-endorsed malpractice insurance member benefit.
- ▶ Dean Fink, Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, provided a summary of the committee's goals and accomplishments.
- ▶ Government Relations Director Ron Johnson reported on the 2001 Legislative Session, which ended May 10, indicating that more than 1,200 bills were introduced, and 388 were signed into law.
- ▶ The Board reviewed the Nominating Committee's recommendations and the list of nominees and voted on those to be honored at the Annual State Bar Convention.
- ▶ Charles Wirken, Secretary/Treasurer, recapped the ongoing work of the Finance Committee to develop a long-term fiscal plan for the Bar. He provided three scenarios through year 2005 depicting various options for a proposed dues increase.
- ▶ Roxana Bacon, Past Bar President and a partner in the firm of Bacon and Dear, made a presentation to the Board titled "Billing and Honesty: Challenges for the 21st Century."
- ▶ Pam Treadwell-Rubin, Chair of the Appointments Committee, reported that a vacancy on the City of Mesa Judicial Selection Board and one of the public member positions on the Board of Governors are being re-advertised. She provided the committee's recommendations regarding various other openings, and the Board took the following actions:
  - ABA House of Delegates—Reappointed Michael J.S. Rusing to a second two-year term.
  - City of Phoenix Judicial Selection Advisory Board—Forwarded the names of Michelle Allen and Ginger Jarvis to Mayor Skip Rimsza for his selection to fill the State Bar's designated seat.
  - Client Security Fund Board of Trustees—Appointed attorney Geoffrey Sturr and nonlawyer Joanne Shoaff to fill the two vacancies.
  - Agreed to meet the public Board member finalists at the June meeting before final selections are made.
  - Approved matters on the Consent Agenda.
- ▶ Roger Contreras, President of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD), reported that at the recent national YLD conference, two of the 10 program topics were presented by Arizona lawyers. He shared a video, filmed by a Tucson news station, on the Teens Speak Out program held at Cholla High School at which 300 students attended.